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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Security Branch, DPD
Chief, Personnel Branch, DPD

SUBJECT : Commander's Report, Operation [redacted]

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1. The following is extracted from subject report for your information:

"8. SECURITY: was considered very good on this exercise. The area utilized by the Detachment was on the opposite side of the field from most of the activity. An aircraft carrier was docked close by our area and the aircraft were parked on the same side of the field, however the ramp was at a much lower elevation and a high bank served to obstruct the view of most of our activity. Base personnel had been thoroughly indoctrinated in keeping clear of our area and were very cooperative in all matters pertaining to security. Personal film exposed during the period of TDY for all personnel was held until after our departure by order of the Base Commander. It was rumored that a truck load had been accumulated during the period. Road blocks were used to restrict all traffic into our area at any time that preparations were being made to launch or recover an aircraft. Guards with dogs were employed by the Base at night to restrict movement into our area in addition to the normal security measures employed by the Detachment.

A large amount of overtime was accumulated by security personnel during this exercise. Due to the courier requirements there was only one Detachment security man present a considerable portion of the time. It would seem advisable to plan on utilizing one or two more personnel in this section with lower GS ratings from the standpoint of cost and improved coverage.

9. DETACHMENT MANNING was very good considering the limited time in preparation and the limited knowledge of the Base of operation. The manning consisted of five Officers, 26

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[redacted] Civilians (including [redacted] Drivers), and [redacted] Airmen. For future planning, as previously mentioned, it seems advisable to include two more security personnel of lower ratings to reduce the amount of overtime for a GS-13, 12 and 11. Also, a clerk could have been fully utilized and it is desirable for future TDYs of this duration to include the Medical Officer.

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11. a. Courier procedures required considerable clarification by message and it would have been helpful to have had them spelled out in more detail in the Ops Order. Also, the large metal containers with sharp edges were objectionable on passenger flights and the couriers received some argument along this line on every flight. It may be advisable to build a wooden box for the metal containers to avoid future difficulties.

11. b. Mail deliveries were very unsatisfactory and since this is an important morale factor improved procedures should be used for future lengthy deployments if possible.

12. i. Establish a better procedure for sending and receiving mail. Suggest that mail from families be mailed to the [redacted] and then accumulated, forwarded as one package to the project officer at the TDY location with the address provided by the Detachment after arrival. The return mail could be handled in the same manner and posted as separate letters for delivery by [redacted]

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12. j. Consideration be given to a small increase in personnel manning of [redacted] to avoid the necessity insofar as possible of sending the same personnel on every exercise. This could develop into a serious morale problem if deployments continue to occur at frequent intervals."

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2. I believe it would be advisable for us to obtain two contract guards to be assigned [redacted]. It is also suggested that at least one of these men be able to double in place as clerk-typist. I am assuming that as contract employees they will not be charged against our T/O authorization. It is also requested that Chief, Security Branch, look into the mail situation to see if a more expeditious system may be devised.

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3. In view of the anticipated activity of the [redacted] Detachment,
it is requested that you give these matters your earliest attention.

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